

# Living in Coyote Country

Coyotes keep rodent populations under control in cities



**Coyote Identification:**  
Black tipped tail  
Black shoulder stripe  
Gold eyes  
Long pointed ears & nose  
Long legs

Spray with a hose in your yard

Live in family groups. Only 1 pair breeds 1 time a year in each family. Pups come Mar-May

Coyotes are the second fastest mammals in North America. Long legs help to get over tall grasses & barrel chests allow them to get enough air when running

Always turn on light and check yard before letting pet outside between dusk and dawn

Trim thick shrubbery to 1 ft above ground so animals can't hide underneath in your yard-they are ambush predators

There has only been 1 person in Denver bitten by a coyote ever, while in defense of a pet. In 2008 there were 618 people bitten by dogs and 54 bitten by cats.

*Coyotes recognize the people and pets that they regularly interact with*

Coyotes are omnivores!

**Diet:**  
40% rodents  
20% fruits  
Grasses, birds, eggs, reptiles, garbage, other

Haze=  
Yell, make noise, throw things, make animal uncomfortable in your presence

If you encounter a coyote (s) when walking your dog:

1. DO NOT EVER ignore, turn back on, run away.
2. Stand ground, yell, make noise, make yourself look big.
3. Carry whistle, noisemaker, small rocks in pocket.
4. Approach aggressively if coyote doesn't leave.
5. Pick up your dog if possible, don't let coyote between you and pet.
6. Slowly back towards other people if necessary.
7. Do not stop harassing coyote until it leaves area.

**NOTE:** coyotes are skittish and will eventually run away. They avoid confrontation with aggressive people!!!!!!!!!!

**Keep Cats Safe Inside!**

Hazing works faster at teaching coyotes to stay away the more different people and the more often people are doing it